



KOOLEWONG AND POINT CLARE-TASCOTT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

including West Gosford south of the Central Coast Highway

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 10TH MARCH 2011

This has been a memorable and worthwhile year for your association and in this, my second annual presidential report, I am happy to focus on some of the positive achievements during the year.

Our change to quarterly meetings on Thursday evenings has met with considerable support from the community, and attendance and interest in our guest speakers and their special topics have increased significantly.

In June, Lynden Moyes spoke on home safety during the bushfire season and the value of community fire units. With this past summer's weather and the dominance of La Nina there were no challenges this time.

Jane Smith's talk in September on the Community Environment Network led us into our own project at the newly refurbished and officially re-opened Goodaywang Reserve where monthly Bush Care working bees have started and are planned to be continued in the year ahead. We thank Gary Palmer of Gosford Council for his advice and practical assistance in getting these under way.

We were able to have a table display at the Point Clare Public School Fair and in so doing we advertised our December local history meeting and Christmas supper. The committee joins me in thanking all those who came along to the latter to talk about old times and hear the stories from Winsome Andrews, Stephen Clarke and others. The gathering was a fitting and happy way to end our year.

We were unsuccessful in our request for a toilet block to be installed at Uratta St playground, however we are pleased to let you know that the local Guringai people should soon be able to celebrate with us the re-naming of the area as Bungaree Reserve. This is to honour an important indigenous leader of the Brisbane Water area in the time of Governor Macquarie and

also to recognise those of his descendants who live here on the coast. And while in this area I might join with the residents of Uratta St in thanking the council for the complete resurfacing of their street after major infrastructure work.

Again we look forward to seeing the improvements to and widening of one section of Glenrock Parade, having been informed that this is on the 2011 Council works programme. The new dinghy rack at Koolewong is finished and in use. It is good to see projects such as this, initially proposed by our association, brought into being.

The challenges, however, are always before us, and many of our members keep a close eye on development applications and other press announcements. Our thanks go particularly in this instance to Joan Johnstone for her hard work in

monitoring such applications and making submissions on our behalf. The withdrawal of the current application by Bunnings to re-locate to Yallambee St is in no doubt due to Joan's and other West Gosford residents' lobbying for all.

On the waterfront some of our members have been active participants in meetings and submissions on rising sea levels; and no doubt others will be interested in the development application, as recently advertised in the local press, to have a marina built at Koolewong.

It is not possible to mention all of our activities and interests in this brief report, but I would encourage you all as members to maintain your positive approach to living in this beautiful area. Let's keep it that way.

My special thanks go to the committee, and particularly our Secretary, Helen Orchard whose hard work with many letters, e-mails and phone calls has achieved so much. Sonnie Hopkins's assistance with the Newsletter, too, has been much appreciated, especially as the latter is again being distributed throughout the whole community as in previous years.

Thank you,

Jon Fearon.



THERE MUST BE A WAY

All it would take is for Aldi to allow this one panel and a small section of paling fence to be removed so that our pharmacist can build the access platform and steps between the two carparks.

Aldi management has consistently refused to allow the opening of the access saying it is not in their best interest.

What about Community interest? Why not pop in to the pharmacy at 61 Brisbane Water Drive and add your name to the Petition our Association is planning to submit to Aldi Head Office.

After all, David Missak is prepared to completely fund the construction himself and it is for the good of us all.

Let's support David in this!
SIGN THE PETITION

BREAKING NEWS

* The proposed new marina in Murphy's Bay (The Boat House) is currently at the application stage. Your association is not opposed to the development in principle but is surprised at the size of the planned structure given the limited availability of parking at the site.

DINGHY RACK INSTALLED

Take a look at the new boat rack that Council has had installed with the assistance of NSW Maritime.

Our Association is delighted that its voice has been heard on this. We are trusting that this rack is the forerunner of several more along our foreshore to cover the needs of our boating community.



NEW MEDICAL CENTRE

Our Progress Association has, as you probably know, been supporting the Point Clare Medical Centre in its drive to expand and modernise the surgery and facilities.

The Practice Manager has advised us that the redevelopment is well ahead in the planning stages and that the rezoning of the adjoining property is expected to go ahead this month.

Two different development applications are before Council at present and when construction starts in about November, the way will be open for a much needed expansion of the staff at the Centre.

Two more full time medical practitioners will be on staff as well as two general practice trainees.

No doubt members of our community will be rejoicing to know that their medical needs will be fully catered for due to the expansion.

Thank you, our doctors, for your part in keeping our community healthy! We know you will want only the best for your new facility and that you and your extra staff will bring your proven skills into the modernisation with the utmost professional expertise and care.



TRAIN NEWS

You may think the goods trains are a lot quieter these days, but don't be complacent.

Those screeches can be heard when least expected. If your sleep is disturbed and your ears perturbed, you should register your concern with our local member, Chris Holstein who will relay the community's worries to the relevant Transport authorities.

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Footnote: Are you aware that the HIGH SPEED RAIL Newcastle to Sydney, is back on the radar of the Federal Government? The Transport Minister, Anthony Albanese announced on 21.4.11 that the first part of a \$20 million feasibility study would be finished in July.

EXCELLENT GROWTH AT GOODAYWANG

In just a few months the young seedlings planted by the Point Clare School's environment Club have taken off and the protected re-vegetation area is, after all the rain, looking really good.

Fairly soon another area will be fenced off for more plantings. The aim is to return parts of the reserve to their original bush status. All seedlings are native to the area and have been propagated from seeds collected on site under the ironbark canopy.

Our Bush Care group meets at 9am on the first Friday of every month and we would love to have more helpers. If you would like to assist on the weekend instead, contact our Committee member, Cameron Farrell so arrangements can be made for another session some time.



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MEETING DATES FOR 2011

Thursday Evenings 7.30 pm Point Clare Hall

9th June,

8th September

10th November

8th December

Mark your calendar today and join us at the Hall

Our speaker for June 9th will be Mr Cec Bucello, publisher & editor of Gosford Central Community News & publisher of Peninsula

News. His talk is on **COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS** & his topic should be of great interest to all of you who have your community needs at heart.

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